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SUMMARY: ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER PAULO JORGE IN PRESS
CONFERENCE AND INTERVIEW STRONGLY DENIED ANY POSSIBILITY
OF A RECONCILIATION WITH THE MPLA'S ENEMIES, AND PROMISED
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THAT THE RPA WOULD ESTABLISH AN EMBASSY IN LISBON "WITHIN
WEEKS." END SUMMARY.

1. UNITA'S CONTROL: ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER PAULO
JORGE, VISITING LISBON ON HIS RETURN TO LUANDA FROM
UNGA, REVIEWED ANGOLAN INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
IN A LENGTHY INTERVIEW AND IN A DEPARTURE

PRESS CONFERENCE OCT 19. JORGE TERMED "RIDICULOUS" UNITA'S CLAIM TO CONTROL NINE OR TEN ANGOLAN PROVINCES. DEFINING "CONTROL" AS A "PHYSICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENCE AND SOCIAL ACTIVITY," JORGE DENIED THAT UNITA HAD ESTABLISHED SUCH A PRESENCE ANYWHERE IN ANGOLA. THE CLAIMS WERE SIMPLY A CAMPAIGN ON THE PART OF UNITA, FLEC, AND THE FNLA TO JUSTIFY "THE AID THEY RECEIVE FROM CERTAIN EUROPEAN, AMERICAN, AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES." HOWEVER, JORGE ADMITTED THAT "FROM TIME TO TIME, THERE ARE INFILTRATIONS THROUGH THE SOUTHERN BORDER," ORIGINATING IN NAMIBIA AND ASSISTED BY THE SOUTH AFRICANS. PRESSED ON THE ISSUE, JORGE ADMITTED FURTHER THAT "THE MPLA HAD NEVER COVERED UP THE EXISTENCE OF SMALL POCKETS OF "ZAIREAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN REGULAR TROOPS" WHO REMAINED IN THE BUSH AFTER THEY WERE DEFEATED BY THE MPLA. JORGE ADDED THAT "I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WITH THE MEASURES WE ARE TAKING WE WILL RID OURSELVES VERY SHORTLY OF THIS BANDITISM."

2. NO RECONCILIATION: ASKED ABOUT A POSSIBLE RECONCILIATION WITH THE MBLA'S ENEMIES, JORGE RESPONDED, "WE THINK THERE IS NO VIABILITY OR POSSIBILITY OF AN HYPOTHETICAL RECONCILIATION WITH ANY ENEMY ORGANIZATION. ANY DIALOGUE IS TOTALLY OUT OF THE QUESTION."

3. NO MORE COUP ATTEMPTS: JORGE THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THAT
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THERE WOULD BE ANY MORE COUP ATTEMPTS SIMILAR TO THAT OF MAY, 1977, SINCE THE EFFECTS OF "DIVISIONISM" HAD BEEN COMPLETELY ELIMINATED, BUT ADDED THAT "IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CERTAIN IMPERIALIST POWERS WILL SEEK OTHER MEANS TO CREATE OBSTACLES TO THE NORMAL DEVELOPMENT OF OUR REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS."

4. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: JORGE REVIEWED THE STATUS OF ANGOLAN RELATIONS WITH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES:
-- US: THE US, JORGE SAID, "MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE REALITIES OF ANGOLA." THE US, HE CLAIMED, HAD CHANGED ITS TACTICS IN AFRICA. "THAT COUNTRY, LIKE ANY OTHER IMPERIALIST POWER, CURRENTLY AVOIDS DIRECT INTERVENTION BY UTILIZING INTERMEDIARIES." THE "CURRENT OFFENSIVE" OF THE US IN AFRICA IS DESIGNED TO "DESTABILIZE PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN REGIMES THROUGH INTERVENTION OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES WHICH RESPOND TO THE INTERESTS OF IMPERIALIST POWERS." ASKED IF ANGOLA WOULD ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE US IN THE SHORT TERM, JORGE SAID ANGOLAN POLICY WAS TO HAVE RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, WHICH MEANT THAT, "SOONER OR LATER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE ESTABLISHED."

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HE ADDED, "IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS DEPENDS UPON A
DIALOGUE WHICH UNTIL NOW STILL HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE."
-- FRANCE: JORGE SAID THAT IT "APPEARS TO US THAT REAL
SINCERITY ON THE PART OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT" REGARDING
THE ATTAINMENT OF HARMONIOUS RELATIONS "DOES NOT EXIST,
BECAUSE THERE IS A CERTAIN TENDENCY OF THAT GOVERNMENT
TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ENEMY FORCES, SUCH AS UNITA AND
FLEC." HOWEVER, JORGE THOUGHT THAT WHEN THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT REALIZED ITS "INCONGRUENT POSITION," A MORE
CORRECT DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS WOULD OCCUR.
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-- SENEGAL: JORGE OPINED THAT SENEGAL'S PREDILECTION FOR SAVIMBI MIGHT BE THE CAUSE OF THE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SENEGAL AND ANGOLA, BUT THOUGHT THAT THE SENEGALESE PEOPLE DID NOT SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION.

-- ZAIRE AND SOUTH AFRICA: DESPITE THE DEFEAT OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES BY ANGOLA, INFILTRATIONS CONTINUED. "IMPERIALIST POWERS" WANT TO MAINTAIN TENSION ALONG ANGOLA'S BORDERS, IN ORDER TO IMPEDE ANGOLAN RECONSTRUCTION. "ACCORDING TO WHAT WE KNOW," JORGE SAID, "ZAIRE CONTINUES TO SUPPORT PUPPET ORGANIZATIONS, ALTHOUGH INFILTRATION ATTEMPTS AND HOSTILE ACTIONS HAVE EFFECTIVELY DIMINISHED. BUT WE THINK THAT AT ANY MOMENT THEY CAN DESTROY THAT HYPOTHESIS. AT ANY RATE, WE ARE PREPARED FOR ANY EVENTUALITY."

5. PORTUGUESE-ANGOLAN BILATERAL RELATIONS: JORGE, WHO MET WITH PRESIDENT EANES AND PRIME MINISTER SOARES DURING HIS VISIT:

-- PLEDGED THAT THE RPA WOULD ESTABLISH ITS LISBON EMBASSY "WITHIN WEEKS," AND ATTRIBUTED THE DELAY TO DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO STAFF THE EMBASSY;

-- DISCUSSED POTENTIAL AREAS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN ANGOLA AND PORTUGAL IN TALKS WHICH HE SAID "WENT VERY WELL";

-- SAID THE PLANS FOR REPATRIATION OF ANGOLANS RESIDENT IN PORTUGAL ARE NOW AT THE "TECHNICAL STAGE OF SEEKING MEANS AND FINANCES," AND SAID THAT FUTURE DISCUSSIONS ON THE ISSUE MAY INVOLVE THE UNHCR; AND

-- STATED THAT THE GPRA IS CONTINUING ITS EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE OF PORTUGUESE IMPRISONED IN ANGOLA. "SEVERAL DOZEN HAD ALREADY BEEN FREED," HE SAID, BUT ADDED, "I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE PROCESS WILL CONTINUE."

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